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Olivia Toews, left, Tori Barbour and Lauren Walker before the start of the Ottawa Slut Walk on Sunday.
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Victim blaming, slut shaming, sexual violence — Twittersphere explodes with reasons why the Ottawa Slut Walk is still necessary

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Rewriting heritage

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Chateau Laurier owners urged to get design help from feds

Emma Jackson
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Let the feds decide if Chateau Laurier's expansion is a good fit for the capital, a local architect says.

Barry Padolsky, who sits on the city's built heritage subcommittee and has worked on revamps at the Museum of Nature and the National Arts Centre (NAC), said the hotel's owners should "voluntarily bind themselves" to the government's own heritage review process, even though they don't have to.

"It will attract the wisdom of the National Capital Commission, Parks Canada and the city to really scrutinize the proposal," Padolsky said. "If it does not measure up ... it will have to change."

Hotel owner Larco Investments unveiled plans last week to add a contemporary, five-storey glass and limestone extension to the national historic site, beside Major's Hill Park. Public backlash to the project was swift.

Padolsky said submitting their plans to Parks Canada's heritage review office would be a "gesture of responsibility," given the hotel is the only privately owned property in the parliamentary precinct west of Mackenzie Avenue.

The nearby NAC and the Bank of Canada both took that step during their own renovations, he said.

The NCC and the city will also scrutinize the plans to make sure they conform to heritage and urban design standards before they're approved.

Larco could not immediately be reached for comment.

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On the world stage: Justin Trudeau's first big moment at the UN. **World**

Sabrina Matthews of the Sandy Hill Tree Group is excited to get a greenscaping pilot project underway at three locations in the neighbourhood, including in front of Fleur Tea at 287 Somerset St. E. The project will see the pavement Matthews is on ripped up to be replaced by plants.
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Green project back on track

PUBLIC SPACE

Sandy Hill Tree Group ready for community planting event

A project to rid Sandy Hill of some of its pavement is back on this fall.

The Sandy Hill Tree Group is working with the city's Neighbourhood Connections office on a pilot project that aims to de-pave three city-owned areas along Somerset Street — replacing some existing asphalt with perennials, shrubs and trees.

Sandy Hill Tree group member Sabrina Matthews said the group wants to make the street, which is now a popular cycling and pedestrian route thanks to the Adawe Crossing in Strathcona Park, a beautiful site to experience.

After a brief hiatus this summer, the project to remove the pavement will move forward starting the week of Sept. 19, when the city will begin to de-pave the areas.

A community-planting event is scheduled for Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. The rain date will be Sept. 25.

Participants are invited to help schlep, plant, mulch and water perennials that will take over the de-paved areas, said Matthews.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun, and fun to garden in public together," Matthews said. "I think it will be so much fun to work together and create something."

> **I think it will be so much fun to work together.**
> Sabrina Matthews

Matthews added that although the project was delayed, it allowed for more interest from the community to get involved.

On the designated planting day, one of the location site's businesses, Fleur Tea, will be offering free tea and coffee to all volunteers.

Matthews has asked any interested volunteers to contact the tree group at sandyhilltreegroup@gmail.com. Volunteers are asked to bring garden gloves and a trowel, and a spade/wheelbarrow/watering cans if they can.

What was originally submitted as an application to the Community Environmental Project Grants program in the spring of 2015, the request at the time to de-pave the inner boulevard at five sites along Somerset Street East and install landscaping was hand-picked by the connections office to try and do something different because the idea behind the project offers other possibilities across the city.

"It made sense to pick Somerset, as opposed to picking a bunch of small spots throughout Sandy Hill," Matthews said.

Norma Strachan of the connections office has been working with the Sandy Hill group to help them navigate all the levels of city departments to make the idea go from page to pavement.

Pared-down from five sites to three locations, the three sites are 395 Chapel St., 314 Somerset St. East and 287 Somerset St. East.

The plan for two of the three sites will have gardens, but Matthews said changes may be made to the third site, at the corner of Somerset and Chapel Street. The change may include the addition of planters instead of de-paving. Those plans, Matthews added, will be finalized soon. MICHELLE NASH BAKER/METROLAND MEDIA

PROFIT 500

You.i TV among the fastest growing businesses in Canada

Eighteen companies based in the Ottawa area have made the Profit 500, a list of the fastest-growing companies in Canada.

You.i TV was the highest ranked local company, coming in 15th place. Its revenue has grown 4,453 per cent over the past five years.

"It's always an honour to be recognized among some of Canada's leading companies. This recognition of our growth, combined with our recent customer announcements and round of funding, is an exciting reminder of how far we've come," said Jason Flick, the company's CEO.

Among local companies, BBG Management Corp., was the second highest-ranked, with five-year revenue growth of 2,033 per cent. That ranked the firm 39th overall.

Napkyn placed third among local firms. Its 985 per cent revenue growth earned it the 78th spot overall.

Ontario Rental and Supply was the fourth highest-ranked local company. It was in 100th place overall, with five-year revenue growth of 712 per cent.

A Hundred Answers, which was the highest-ranked local company in 2014 and 2015 was fifth among Ottawa-based firms and 104th overall, with five-year revenue growth of 682 per cent.

Three local companies made the Startup 50, a list of Canada's fastest-growing startups:

•HostedBizz ranked 18th on that list, with two-year revenue growth of 436 per cent.

•Martello Technologies ranked 31st, with two-year revenue growth of 298 per cent.

•Fusebill ranked 39th, with two-year revenue growth of 169 per cent.

Overall, the fast-growing company on the Profit 500 was Vancouver-based Canada Drives. It boasted revenue growth of 12,686 per cent over the past five years. JACOB SEREBRIN/ OTTAWA BUSINESS JOURNAL

No more secrets: Autism lobby

ACCOUNTABILITY

Advocates want province to share panel advice, findings

Ontario Autism Coalition president Bruce McIntosh is concerned about confidentiality agreements given to Ontario's autism advisory panel members. He signed just such an agreement to sit on the panel but has since had a change of heart about the issue.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario should lift the veil of secrecy from its new autism advisory panel so policy decisions affecting children are transparent and openly debated, an autism advocacy group says.

In a letter, the Ontario Autism Coalition asked Minister of Children and Youth Services Michael Coteau to waive confidentiality agreements it says will muzzle panel members and limit their ability to hold the government to account.

"It's time to restore some trust between the government and the autism community by permitting a full and open discussion about how we help kids with autism in Ontario," said the letter sent late last week.

The newly launched Ontario autism program advisory committee includes parents, educators and experts. It was set up this summer to oversee rollout of the Ministry of Children and Youth Services' new autism plan. Coalition president Bruce McIntosh of Thornhill, who has two teenagers on the autism spectrum, is among its 16 members.

The group's letter to Coteau came in the wake of a Torstar News Service story that revealed a different ministry panel — a committee of clinical experts on autism appointed in 2012 — stayed publicly silent about its serious reservations regarding the revised autism program announced last March.

The program sparked an immediate uproar because the plan was to reduce long wait times for treatment by making children age 5 and older no longer eligible for intensive behavioural intervention (IBI). The move affected 3,500 children on wait-lists or in treatment, many of whom had waited years to get it.

In a letter to Coteau's predecessor, Tracy MacCharles, three weeks after the age cap was announced, the expert committee cautioned the move would be detrimental to vulnerable children.

The letter, dated April 18, was obtained by Torstar under freedom of information legislation, along with other email correspondence between the committee and the ministry in the two-month period following the announcement.

When contacted by media, some committee members declined comment, citing the confidentiality agreements. Others referred questions to panel chair Susan Honeyman and vice-chair Dr. Wendy Roberts, who also refused requests, saying they were bound by the agreements.

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> Ontario Autism Coalition

The Ontario Autism Coalition says secrecy imposed by such agreements is "troubling, "especially for families plagued by uncertainty and wary of government promises.

Last spring, McIntosh was at the forefront of grassroots protests against the age cutoff. He played a role in the ministry's decision to amend its plans last June, when Coteau took over the children's services portfolio in a cabinet shuffle and announced that there would be funding for kids taken off wait-lists to cover the costs of a year's treatment.

The new advisory panel McIntosh sits on is one of the few formal avenues for families to have their voices heard.

But to join the panel, members had to sign confidentiality agreements that prohibit them from "directly or indirectly" engaging in public commentary without "explicit written consent" from the ministry. The agreements also stipulate that "any requests for public comment should be deferred to the ministry."

McIntosh says he signed in June despite his own reservations and objections from other parents, who worried "it was going to be a muzzle and limit" their effectiveness.

After the story last week, he and coalition colleagues had a change of heart, fearing the restrictions would rob them of the ability to speak up on key issues.

"Our nervousness has now turned to very justified worry and anger, " the coalition wrote in its letter to Coteau.

Those concerns are legitimate, says Amir Attaran, a professor in the faculties of law and medicine at the University of Ottawa.

"Good for them," he said, after hearing about the coalition's stance on what he calls "overzealous" restraints imposed by confidentiality agreements.

Dissent is an important part of decision-making, he says.

In an emailed statement, the children's ministry said confidentiality agreements are common for advisory panels, and that the "ministry does not stand in the way of CEC (clinical expert committee) members speaking to the media, " it said."

However, multiple emails sent to committee members from ministry staff last spring before and after the autism program was announced stress that questions from the media should be redirected to the ministry.
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Overbrook readies for a fight

TRAFFIC

Residents fume over downtown truck tunnel's proposed exit

Overbrook residents living near Vanier Parkway and Coventry Road are not pleased.

After finding out that a downtown truck tunnel study released in August revealed the preferred alignment had trucks and cars exiting in a new roundabout at the Vanier Parkway and Coventry Road intersection, residents shook their heads in confusion.

> **You can't have it dump out in our community. It makes no sense.**
> Rawlson King

"You have to look at other options," said Overbrook Community Association president Rawlson King. "The rational route would be to link to the 417. You can't have it dump out in our community. It makes no sense."

A truck tunnel study examining the feasibility of running a tunnel under the city, released on Aug. 17, found that it was possible to build a tunnel that would link the Macdonald-Cartier Bridge and Highway 417.

On Sept. 7 the transportation committee voted to approve the next steps — conducting an environmental assessment at a cost of $8 million.

City council voted on Sept. 14 to move forward with a plan for Mayor Jim Watson to ask the province to fund an environmental assessment of a truck tunnel that would stretch from the Vanier Parkway exit of Highway 417, under Sandy Hill and Lowertown, to King Edward Avenue near the MacDonald-Cartier Bridge.

The city released a feasibility study for the tunnel in August. It would be 3.4 kilometres long and costs were estimated to be between $1.7 and $2 billion.

King said even though he understands it's just a feasibility study — which looks at whether something is simply possible — it feels to him like a done deal.

Truck traffic through the downtown core is expected to increase by one or two per cent every year. EMMA JACKSON / METRO

Jean-Pierre Petit, who lives at the corner of Forestlane Private — which abuts the Vanier Parkway — questioned the process for the entire study, environmental assessment and the possibility of a tunnel.

He looked at the feasibility study and in return, created his own solution — on and off ramps directly connecting the tunnel to the 417.

Moving forward, King and other residents agreed Petit's design makes sense and one they will push for — regardless of cost.

In an effort to solve some of the downtown core's traffic woes, in 2013, Rideau-Vanier Coun. Mathieu Fleury asked the city's transportation committee and council to partner with the province on a study to bury the truck route, creating a tunnel from the Macdonald-Cartier Bridge to Highway 417.

The battle for solving the truck traffic issue has been an ongoing fight for all of Ottawa-Vanier, which banded together earlier in 2013 to fight the National Capital Commission-driven plan to build an east-end interprovincial bridge.

Approximately 2,500 trucks travel through Lowertown on King Edward Avenue on a typical weekday — a number which is expected to increase by one or two per cent each year. The route also sees trucks using Waller and Rideau streets.

Lowertown, the community stuck right in the middle of the current truck route, has long asked for a tunnel through the city to fix the problem.

Fleury agreed a connection directly linking the tunnel to the 417 makes the most sense.

"It is a lot simpler, and a lot safer if trucks can connect to the highway," Fleury said. "And I want to make sure that the next step, as part of the EA will address that possibility."

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Karina Fotia is shown before the start of the Ottawa Slut Walk on Sunday. JUSTIN TANG/FOR METRO

Slut Walk supporters share stories

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Organizer's Twitter appeal shows event is still needed

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

"Because sexual violence is always a big deal," and because "we should all feel safe in our own city" and because "I should be able to walk down the street stark naked and not worry about being raped" — these are all reasons why Slut Walk Ottawa is still necessary, according to Ottawa's Twittersphere.

The sixth annual Slut Walk Ottawa closed downtown streets Sunday afternoon as about 250 people marched against victim blaming, slut shaming and sexual violence.

Walk organizer Kate Forman said headline-grabbing cases like Jian Ghomeshi's sexual assault trial, the recent misconduct hearings of Alberta judge Robin Camp and the lenient sentence for Stanford University rapist Brock Turner aren't the only examples of sexual violence and victim blaming.

Hundreds of similar stories go untold in Ottawa every day, Forman said.

That's why Forman created the hashtag #INeedSlutWalk-Because, to help victims tell their own stories through social media.

"Everyone has their own experiences," said Forman, who says she has experienced sexual violence. "I was encouraged not to talk about it, but the more I disclosed it to different people, the response was, 'this happened to me, too, or this happened to someone I love.'"

Forman hoped the hashtag would highlight that shared experience ahead of the event.

Several dozen responses on Twitter and Instagram ranged from intensely personal accounts to calls for broader social change.

IN BRIEF

Dark weekend on roads

Two pedestrians are in critical condition after two separate collisions this weekend.

A 20-year old man needed "advanced life support" and had severe head injuries just after midnight Saturday after he was hit on King Edward Avenue between Besserer and Daly streets.

Almost exactly 24 hours later, a 26-year-old woman also suffered severe head injuries when she was hit in the Glebe near Bank Street and Clarey Avenue.

EMMA JACKSON/METRO

NATURE

Wetlands upgrades will foster wildlife

A Nepean wetland and the six-kilometre long creek that flows from it are undergoing enhancements expected to make them better havens for the area's wildlife.

Thanks to a partnership between the National Capital Commission, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund, the Black Rapids Wetland Enhancement Project will double the size of the wetland in the headwaters of Black Rapids Creek.

The creek meanders through six kilometres of Nepean from its watershed near Greenbank Road, east under Woodroffe Avenue, Merivale Road and Prince of Wales Drive, eventually flowing into the Rideau River, south of the Black Rapids lock station. It provides a habitat for 19 fish species and a variety of amphibians, reptiles and mammals.

"Headwater areas and wetland features are quite unassuming areas, but they are very important pieces of the bigger watershed ecosystem," Jennifer Lamoureux, a biologist with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, said.

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The project will see the wetlands grow in size to almost 7,000 square metres from nearly 3,500 square metres.

"Having healthy, well-functioning headwaters means big benefits downstream. Improving this wetland feature will benefit Black Rapids Creek and also the Rideau River."

Construction began on Sept. 12, and will involve excavating and enhancing the wetlands to include standing water, wetland plants and other habitat features such as basking logs and nesting areas for turtles.

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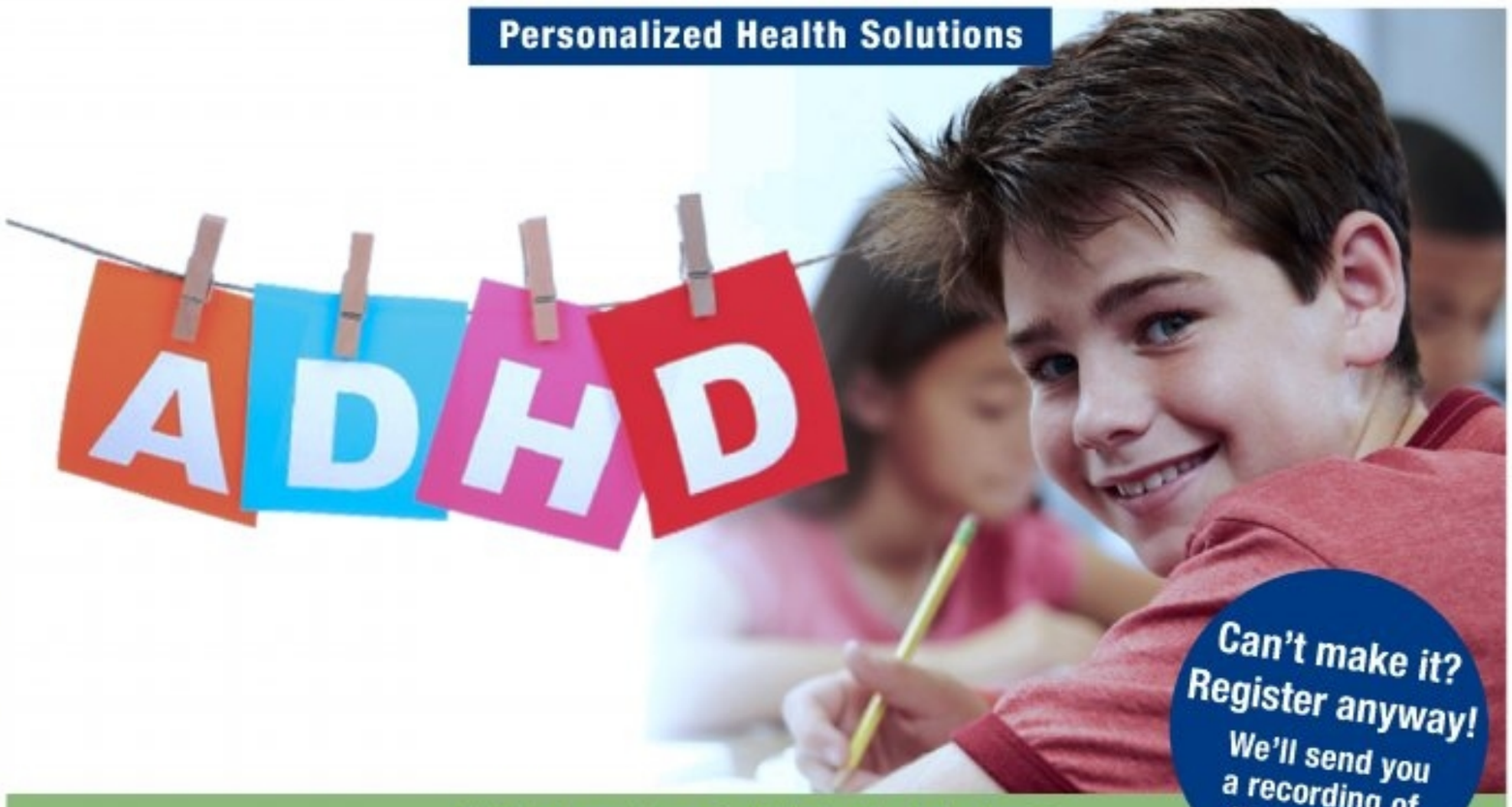

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Project could shake up border crossings

MOVEMENT

Morses Line in Quebec guarded by agents in Hamilton, Ont.

Morses Line in rural Quebec is one of the smallest, most remote of the 117 crossing points along the 5,000-kilometre Canada-U.S. land border. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Morses Line is one of those places where the Canada-U.S. border is truly just an artificial stop on a country road.

In the late 1800s, it was a literal line established by a distant government that was crossed by villagers from the province of Quebec and the state of Vermont going about their business.

It has developed, but remains today as one of the smallest, most remote of the 117 crossing points along the 5,000-kilometre Canada-U.S. land border — one where populations on both sides share names, blood and a French mother tongue.

But after surviving threats of closure in Washington and absorbing budget cuts ordered by Ottawa, Morses Line has become ground zero for what could be the future of border management.

Where there was once a bucolic, white building welcoming people to Canadian soil and a century house next door that the head agent called home, now there is a state-of-the-art security structure loaded with cameras and defended by a guard located 700 kilometres away in Hamilton.

The Remote Traveller Processing program has been underway since February but the Canada Border Services Agency already has plans for similar operations at 19 other points-of-entry across the country if the program is deemed a success.

It works much like a high-tech drive-thru. Those seeking to enter Canada at Morses Line enter into a closed garage and park next to a kiosk that allows them to communicate with a border agent, show their passport and even pay duties on alcohol, tobacco or other goods with the swipe of a credit card.

"Are we letting our guard down?" said CBSA spokeswoman Dominique McNeely. "The building was designed with enhanced security in mind. There are additional gates, there are many cameras and, compared to other border crossings nearby, there's much more technology here to secure the border."

That includes impact-resistant gates, a garage door that doesn't open unless the border agent is satisfied there is no risk, and plenty of powerful cameras.

"We can see small writing on documents and we can actually zoom in very close and detect any type of signs," McNeely said. "It's like your classic interview at the border but it's done remotely."

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Downturn forcing people to give up pets

Surrender never comes easily.

An animal information card at the Calgary Humane Society identifies the temporary resident inside as a grey-and-white kitten named "Marilyn" who has been there since June 26.

"I am an owner surrender," reads a note in a section called "A little about me."

Many Calgarians, already dealing with layoffs, economic uncertainty and the potential loss of their homes, are now having to give up their best friends.

The Calgary Humane Society says it has noticed a jump in the number of pets being reluctantly being turned in by their owners since the economic downturn started in 2015.

There were 1,500 pets surrendered to the society between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31, 2014. That number ballooned to 1,673 in the same period last year and sits at 1,635 so far this year, but there's also been a huge jump in the number of strays being picked up.

A humane society official says it's gut-wrenching for those who have to give up a member of the family.

"It's the last thing they want to do. Typically they will go without a lot of things ... without food ... maybe they'll skip rent for a month if they have to," said Sage Pullen McIntosh, senior manager of community relations and communications.

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IN BRIEF

The return of Parliament
After 10 months of a long honeymoon, consultations on dozens of issues and rhetoric that suggested anything is possible, Justin Trudeau's government faces a fall full of hard choices. The rubber hits the road Monday, with the return of Parliament.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds ready to act on carbon pricing: McKenna
Environment Minister Catherine McKenna says the government is prepared to impose a price on carbon provinces that can't come up with their own. The comments sparked the ire of, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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THE OTTAWA HOSPITAL SITE REVIEW

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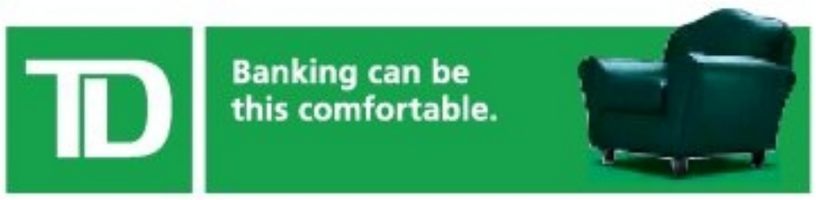

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Explosion still unexplained

NEW YORK CITY

Investigation into blast that injured 29 in Manhattan

The bomb that rocked a New York City neighbourhood known for its vibrant arts scene and large gay community contained residue of an explosive often used for target practice that can be picked up in many sporting goods stores, a federal law enforcement official said Sunday, as authorities tried to unravel who planted the device and why.

The discovery of Tannerite in materials recovered from the Saturday night explosion that injured 29 people may be important as authorities probe whether the blast was connected to an unexploded pressure-cooker device found by state troopers just blocks away, as well as a pipe bomb blast in a New Jersey shore town.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, touring the site of the blast in Manhattan's Chelsea neighbourhood, said there didn't appear to be any link to international terrorism. He said the second device appeared "similar in design" to the first, but did not provide details.

Crime scene investigators work at the scene of an explosion in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. CRAIG RUTTLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We're going to be very careful and patient to get to the full truth here," New York's mayor, Bill de Blasio said Sunday. "We have more work to do to be able to say what kind of motivation was behind this. Was it a political motivation? A personal motivation? What was it? We do not know that yet."

Cellphones were discovered at the site of both bombings, but no Tannerite residue was identified in the New Jersey bomb remnants, in which a black powder was detected, said the official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Officials haven't revealed any details about the makeup of the pressure-cooker device, except to say it had wires and a cellphone attached to it.

Technicians in Quantico, Virginia, were examining evidence from the Manhattan bombing, described by witnesses as a deafening blast that shattered storefront windows and injured bystanders with shrapnel in the mostly residential neighbourhood on the city's west side. All 29 of the injured people were released from the hospital by Sunday afternoon.

The explosion left many rattled in a city that had marked the 15th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks only a week earlier and where a United Nations meeting to address the refugee crisis in Syria was scheduled on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATTACKS

Explosion rocks Jersey Shore charity race

Jersey Shore beaches were reopened Sunday as the investigation continued into a pipe bomb explosion at a seaside community before thousands of runners were to participate in a charity 5K race. Officials would not say if they believe the blast was terror-related, but said it didn't appear to be connected to an explosion that rocked a Manhattan neighbourhood Saturday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Daesh claims Minnesota stabbing attacks

A man in a private security uniform stabbed nine people at a Minnesota shopping mall, reportedly asking one victim if they were Muslim before an officer shot and killed him. Daesh claimed the attack as its own. None of the nine people received life-threatening wounds, St. Cloud police Chief Blair Anderson said. FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Rick Thornton said the attack was being investigated as a possible act of terrorism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TERRORISM

UN meeting to focus on refugee crisis and Syria

A man carries a girl as they arrive with other migrants on a dinghy after crossing from Turkey to the Greek island of Kos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World leaders meeting at the United Nations starting Monday will be trying to make progress on two intractable problems at the top of the global agenda — the biggest refugee crisis since World War II and the Syrian conflict now in its sixth year which has claimed over 300,000 lives.

Against a backdrop of rising ethnic and religious tension, fighting elsewhere in the Mideast and Africa, extremist attacks across the world and a warming planet, there are plenty of other issues for the 135 heads of state and government and more than 50 ministers expected to attend to try to tackle.

"It's no secret there's a lot of fear out there," U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power said Thursday, citing the uncertainties sparked by Britain's vote to leave the European Union, the threat posed by Daesh, and attacks in many parts of the world by extremists.

But Syria, where a tense ceasefire brokered by Moscow and Washington went into effect last Monday, remains at the top of the agenda.

The spotlight will also shine on three leaders, who are all scheduled to speak at the assembly's opening session on Tuesday. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon who steps down on Dec. 31, and U.S. President Barack Obama who will leave office in January, will be addressing the world body for the last time. And British Prime Minister Theresa May will be making her debut on the world stage less than three months after the vote to leave the European Union. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Highlights from Trudeau's maiden speech to UN

Justin Trudeau will use his first speech to the UN General Assembly to present his brand of economics as an antidote to the angry nationalist politics flaring up on different continents.

The PM intends to state his case to the convention hall that government policies geared toward broad-based prosperity make for more hopeful societies.

He's making that speech in a year where popular resentment has led to Britain leaving the European Union; Donald Trump contending for the U.S. presidency; and fringe nationalist parties increasingly competitive in European elections.

A common theme for these movements is blaming foreign forces for the struggles of domestic workers.

Trudeau intends to argue that governments can apply some preventive medicine in the form of policies aimed at the working class. A spokesman cited as examples his government's deficit-financed infrastructure spending and its parental benefit of up to $6,400 per child. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Blogger breaks into a tough market

Lacey Haskell said building and restoring wall fixtures and furniture helps turn her house into a home. AARON CHATHA/METRO

DO IT YOURSELF

Excitement about making things shines through

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

When she's not creating floating shelves from leftover Ikea pieces, building a shiplap wall or renovating an entire bathroom in 12 hours, DIY blogger Lacey Haskell can be found sitting back and relaxing with a nice cup of — actually, she's probably already getting started on another monumental home project.

Haskell is the type of person who gets ecstatic after hand sanding and staining a piece of wood, and treats sending a chair to get reupholstered like a holiday.

"When it came back, it was like Christmas morning," she laughed. "I stood up in the window waiting for Chris to drive home with the truck."

That enthusiasm has carried over to her blog, Feathering My Nest, which she's been running since 2013.

"I grew up in a home with a creative mother," she recalled.

It's a tough market for DIY bloggers to break through. Among the countless blogs Haskell believes it's her pickiness about her projects that makes her blog posts so appealing to readers. She goes through trial and error not to find one way to complete a project — but the best way to complete a project.

"I've had a lot of people say, 'Oh, you give so much detail, it's so helpful,'" she said. "If I'm looking to learn how to do something, it's nice to share, 'I tried this, it didn't work and this is why.'"

TECHNOLOGY

App helps parents to find babysitters

When Karen Barzilay recently found no one available to care for her three young daughters, her neighbours told her about BookJane, a mobile app they created to help Torontonians find caregivers on demand.

BookJane founder and chief executive, Curtis Khan, describes the app as the Uber for babysitters and elderly caregivers.

"People are ready. Uber has paved the way. Airbnb has paved the way," said Khan, a former marketing executive. "They're looking more and more to technology."

Since launching in July, Khan says BookJane now has a database of 2,000 caregivers and 500 clients in Greater Toronto, including individuals, childcare centres and hospitals.

Users can find a caregiver for their children or elderly parents within a few clicks and book for as little as one hour or for the day — at a rate of $21 an hour for a childcare provider and $25 an hour for a personal support worker for a senior.

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ENERGY

Oil and gas companies failing to find buyers

It's getting so bad in the oilpatch that firms in trouble can't even sell themselves.

TD Securities analysis of 15 Canadian energy firms over the past 18 month showed three have found buyers, six are still searching for a suitor, four have slipped into receivership, one closed down after selling all of its assets and another dropped its strategic review.

Bruce Edgelow of lender ATB Financial said factors behind the failed strategic reviews include falling commodity prices, market expectations by potential buyers and recent regulatory moves such as Alberta's decision to toughen minimum well abandonment liability coverage levels before approving licence transfers.

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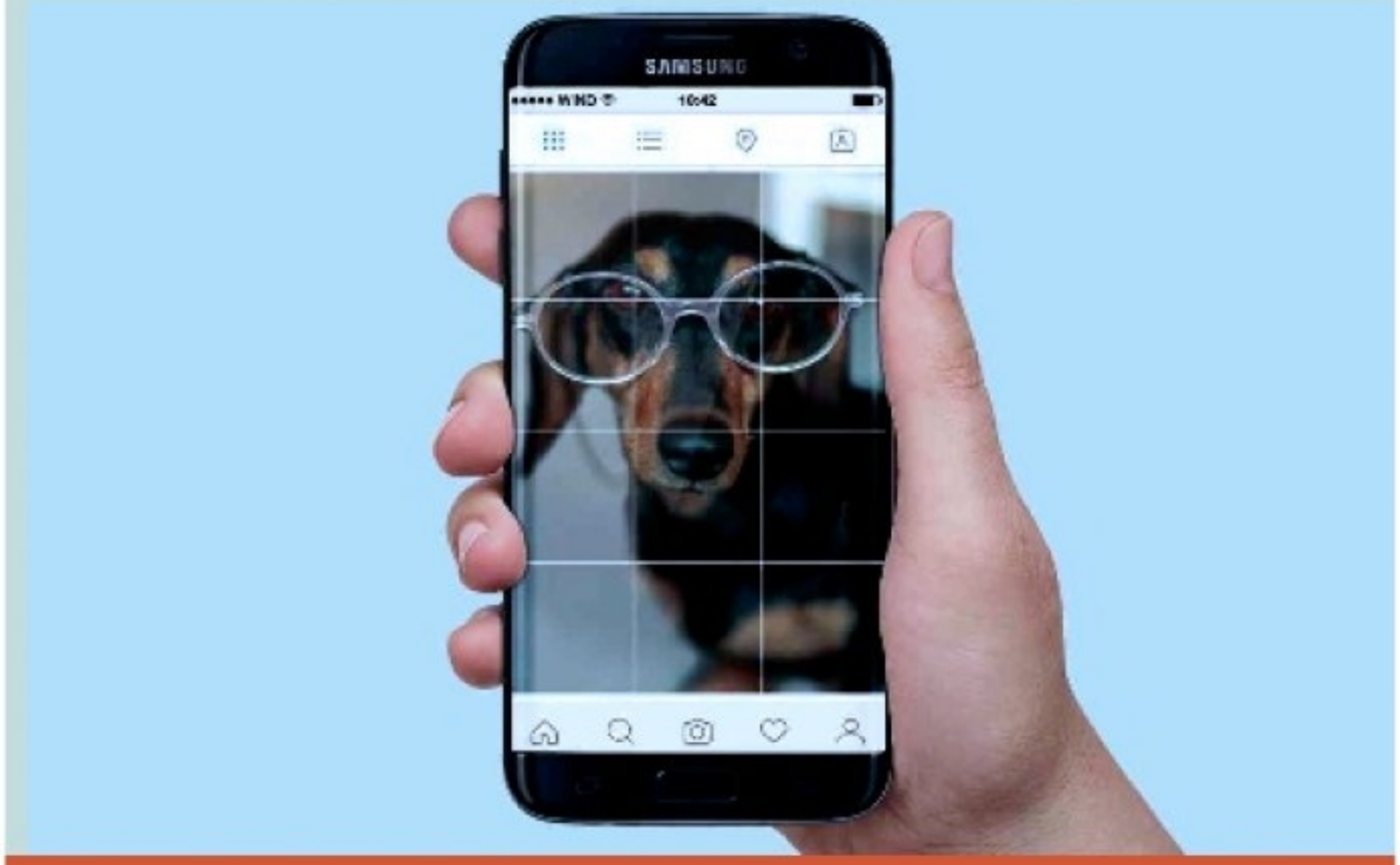

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THE QUESTION

My friend has a crush on a guy at the gym, but she won't do anything about it. Is she squandering a chance at love?

Dear Ellen,

My friend met a guy last year at GoodLife Fitness. Since that day she can't stop thinking about him. They have spoken briefly a few times, but she does not want him to know how she feels. If only he could read her eyes and mind! She believes that it is just a crush and it will eventually fade away. One year later, her feelings have not changed.

Can a crush last this long? Or is it love?

Solicitous Friend

Dear Solicitous,

I have two pieces of advice — one for you, and one for your friend, whom I'll call Reluctant Lover. I'll start with her.

Dear Reluctant,

In the grand tradition of giving advice I was too stupid to take myself for most of my life, and assuming you are truly interested in this guy, I will tell you to get off your well-toned butt and make a move!

I don't mean you should run over and start towelling him down while he's still on the bench press. That would be intrusive, for starters, and extra-annoying if he's trying to keep track of his heart rate or number of reps or whatever it is you people do in those places.

Think up something you'd say to a casual acquaintance. 'Hey, I like your T-shirt, how 'bout those Jays?' or 'I see you're wearing curling shoes.'

Furthermore, if he's not interested in you, it will be awkward for both of you every time you find yourselves in the gym together in future.

But you can arrange to cross paths with him at some point, and exchange more than a few words, being careful to do it in a manner that allows him to decline without feeling as if he's rejecting you, breaking your heart and destroying your life forever. Think up something you'd say to a casual acquaintance. ("Hey, I like your T-shirt, how 'bout those Jays?" or "I see you're wearing curling shoes, you get out on the ice much?") Maybe your friend Solicitous can help with the actual dialogue.

That's all you need to do — open the door to more contact and see if he walks through.

There are two possible outcomes. One is he will take the hint, and things will move forward. The other is that he gives you nothing. You may speculate all you like about his reasons (he's just not attracted to you, he's married, he's really into you but he's too shy to do anything). It doesn't matter. It's not gonna happen. Your pride may be hurt, but at least now you know the score and can move on. Good luck with either scenario.

Dear Solicitous,

You sound extremely invested in this situation, which means one of two things: you are either a loyal pal who can tell your friend is hiding her true feelings and suffering for it, or you are a nosy drama queen dying to stir things up. Actually, those two things are not mutually exclusive.

You may share my sensible advice with your friend, but after that: back off. What she does or doesn't do is her business. And whether it's a crush or love, sometimes people are just as well off — sometimes better off — with the fantasy, which can last much longer and be much more controllable and fun than a real-life relationship that was never meant to be.

Need advice?
Email Ellen:
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Pennant races: When generation gaps narrow

Tim Harper

The summer my father was dying, I called him and we had what turned out to be our final chat.

He was strangely energized. He had but one thing on his mind. He had to replay, in minute detail, the epic game between his San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A's the night before.

There was a pennant race on, after all.

There had been no game, of course, between the Giants and the A's the night before and that pennant battle played only in my father's head.

That's when I realized I had lost him.

Some watch the Jays 2016 September with passing interest, some find joy, many find agony. And some of us have pennant races baked into our DNA.

Pennant races have changed over the years and my father would not recognize the two wild-card spots up for grabs as the Blue Jays enter the season's final days. But pennant races have been the glue in the Harper family for three generations.

My father was a devotee of the Giants of yore. His Septembers were filled with Willie Mays, Willie McCovey, Juan Marichal and that stalwart, Jim Davenport, who lacked the same star power as that trio, but whose uniform was always dirty, betraying the effort and workmanship my father admired in his baseball heroes.

His love was passed to me, at old Toronto Maple Leaf Sunday doubleheaders on the Lakeshore or Sunday morning pilgrimages to downtown Hamilton where we would pick up the Buffalo Courier-Express. Over breakfast, we would devour box scores, a weekend treat because the Toronto papers then published only the unsatisfying line scores.

And now my daughter sits in Cambridge, Mass., deep in the heart of evil Red Sox country, live-streaming every pitch of the Blue Jays journey.

We text back and forth during games. We celebrate home runs and lament missed cut-off throws. She wants to know why John Gibbons would pitch to a left-hander with first base open and we rejoice when we learn of the return of a backup catcher, the type of transaction that can only cause such jubilation during a pennant race.

At the stadium she launches Pitch Tracks on her phone to challenge calls from the home-plate umpire and she will be there at Fenway on the final weekend of the season, part of a group proudly and defiantly wearing their Blue Jays jerseys come hell or pennant-clinching.

The final weeks will be painful. There will be irrational ups and downs, scoreboard cursing and times when it is almost too hard to look.

More often than not, this is the month when dreams die and winter's harsh reality appears suddenly at the door.

But it's futile to try to get the pennant race out of your blood.

And after years of meaningless Septembers here, one truism remains — it is better to have played for the pennant and lost than never to have played at all.

Tim Harper is a former columnist for the Toronto Star.

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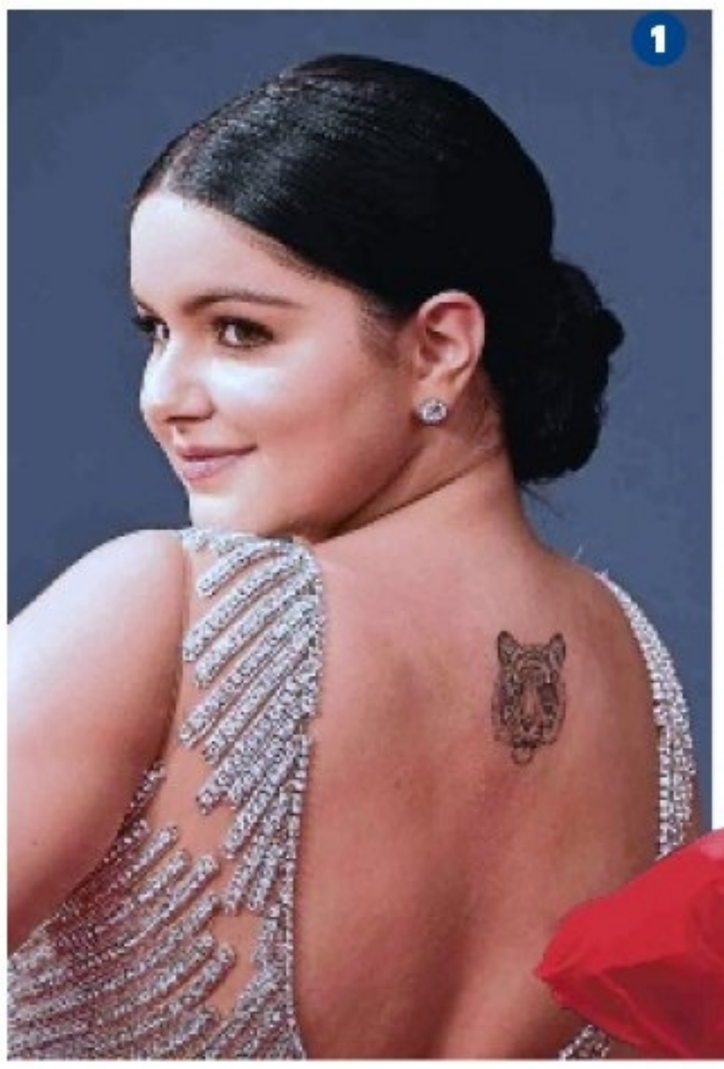

TV stars shine on the Emmys red carpet

1 Actress Ariel Winter of Modern Family shows off her back tattoo at the 68th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday. Fashion mags were quick to point out Kylie Jenner was seen wearing the same dress, a Yousef AlJasmi design, a few days earlier.

2 TV fans can't get enough of **the super talented Stranger Things kids** — actors Gaten Matarazzo, Caleb McLaughlin and Millie Bobby Brown walked their first-ever red carpet together.

3 Priyanka Chopra, who stars in the terrorism drama Quantico, **did not get a nomination** but that did not stop her from twirling in a red Jason Wu gown before she was set to present.

4 Actress Emily Ratajkowski stunned in a Zac Posen mermaid dress, and she also held hands with the designer himself, who was her date for the night.

5 Emily Robinson, 17, is emerging as a style icon to watch, wearing a yellow Carolina Herrera dress. Her show Transparent was nominated for outstanding comedy series and was up against Black-ish, Master of None, Modern Family, Silicon Valley, Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt and Veep. **For a list of Emmy Awards winners, visit metronews.ca**

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A new life on the way means big changes to your own life

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

You're about to become a mommy or a daddy. Congrats!

You're bringing a new life into the world, one for which you will be totally responsible.

That comes with both enormous joy and a little trepidation.

Once you get over the initial high, you'll have to deal with some mundane questions:

- Will you have enough to buy what you need for baby?
- How much income will you have on maternity leave?
- Will you be able to stay home for the full year?
- How will you split your mat leave?

Here's what you need to do:

Step 1: Find out how much money you'll receive on maternity leave.

If you're using every penny of your income(s) to make ends meet, you've got time to get ready to live on less. How much less?

Well, that depends on whether you'll get a top-up at work or not.

If you don't, you may be in for a shock when you find out how little you get from EI. So. Find. Out.

Step 2: Make a budget. With a little foresight and some planning, you can come out of mat leave with your financial life in balance.

If your income is going down, it's time to prioritize where you'll spend your money so you don't rack up debt.

Divide your expenses into nice-to-haves and must-haves so you'll know where to trim back first.

Eating out, entertainment and random impulsive shopping will come to a grinding halt. With a baby on the way, you've got to be dead sure you can make ends meet, even as you incorporate those new little expenses (about to become big expenses) into your life.

> **If you're living on one income and you've got another mouth to feed, you can't afford to be cavalier.**

Step 3: Practise living on one income. Don't wait until baby's arrival to put your new budget into action. Start while you're pregnant.

Step 4: Pay off your consumer debt. Yeah, you had your fun. Now you know why it was such a bad idea to put all that crap on credit. Whatever your reason for having consumer debt, get it gone. Negotiate your interest costs down, transfer balances to lower-cost options, get that sucker paid off.

Step 5: Build up your emergency fund. If you're living on one income and you've got another mouth to feed, you can't afford to be cavalier about your emergency fund.

A loss of the primary job at this point would be devastating. So would any unforeseen shift in circumstances. Put an emergency fund in place. Aim for six months' worth of must-have expenses.

Step 6: Decide what you'll need for baby. Check with friends and family for what they found most useful. See who has stuff in storage that you can bum for a while. Don't get suckered into dumb crap like specialty diaper disposal units or wipe warmers.

If you know someone will be throwing you a shower, register for the things you really want. Shop second-hand. And be creative when it comes to doing up baby's room. It doesn't have to cost a fortune, and if you don't have the money, it absolutely shouldn't.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com

So just who is Banksy? What if we all are...

Robert Del Naja, seen in front taking a photo, is pictured with Massive Attack bandmate Grantley 'Daddy G' Marshall. Del Naja denies he is street artist Banksy. MAYA HAUTEFEUILLE/AFP/GETTYIMAGES/FILE

GRAFFITI

Unravelling the massive mystery of a guerilla artist

Who is Banksy?

For a quarter-century, that question has haunted the art world and fans of the street artist known for making wry political comment with a spray can. His art has been collected by everyone from Christina Aguilera to Angelina Jolie to noted art galleries, and sells for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Not unlike the Bryan Singer film The Usual Suspects and its elusive fictional character Keyser Söze, trying to identify the real Banksy has become serious sport. But trying to pinpoint the man who hung a smiley-face Mona Lisa in the Louvre or set up inflatable dolls dressed as Guantanamo prisoners in Disneyland has frustrated many.

The latest personality to be outed as potentially Banksy is trip-hop dance-band co-founder Robert Del Naja of Massive Attack.

But British journalist Craig Williams thinks Del Naja is actually the leader of a group of artists who collectively comprise Banksy.

"What if Banksy isn't the one person everyone thinks he is. What if — akin to the Shakespeare conspiracy theories, Banksy is a group of people who have been stencilling different locations both at home and abroad? Such a rich body of work done over a decade, across the globe, may allow for the suggestion," says Williams in a blog post that is getting traction on the Internet.

Williams compared the travels of Massive Attack with Banksy art sightings and says the two have to be more than coincidental.

That includes a stint in Toronto in May 2010, when the group played the Sound Academy and three Banksy murals suddenly appeared in the city.

Of course, Del Naja is a graffiti artist himself and has said he is friends with Banksy. But he has denied he is the artist, reportedly telling a crowd at a concert in Bristol recently that, "We are all Banksy."

He also told Britain's Daily Mail that "Rumours of my secret identity are greatly exaggerated. . . . It would be a good story but, sadly, not true."

Still, it would be pretty cool if a pop star of the stature of Del Naja ended up being the street artist.

This is not the first time that geographic profiling has been used to hopefully unmask the real Banksy. Scientists at Queen Mary University in London also claim to have substantiated who the real Banksy is, according to the Independent.

> **Rumours of my secret identity are greatly exaggerated . . . It would be a good story but, sadly, not true.**
> Robert Del Naja, Massive Attack

Geographic profiling is used by police to hunt down serial killers. These scientists used it to examine where artworks appear and match them to a suspect.

In this case, the suspect is Bristol native Robin Gunningham, who was already the subject of a Daily Mail investigation. The university study backs up the assertion by the newspaper that Gunningham, an unassuming suburban man, is the real artist.

The scientists used 140 suspected works in London and Bristol, and looked at how they coincided with locations frequented by Gunningham.

Another popular theory put forward by Canadian media artist Chris Healey is that Banksy isn't a man but a woman who leads a team of seven artists

What is assured is that you can rely on the fact the Internet will soon be obsessed with the next potential Banksy.

Maybe Del Naja is right: "We are all Banksy" after all.

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Canada's Denis Shapovalov, 17, won his Davis Cup debut in straight sets, topping Chile's Christian Garin 7-6 (5), 6-4 in Halifax

Pats feel sting in victory

NFL

QB Garoppolo injured after hot start against Fins

The New England Patriots have a brand new quarterback issue.

Jimmy Garoppolo had three touchdown passes before leaving in the second quarter with a right shoulder injury as the New England Patriots outlasted the Miami Dolphins 31-24 on Sunday.

It was the Patriots' eighth straight home victory over Miami (0-2). It came at a price as New England (2-0) was dealt another blow at quarterback with Tom Brady already out with his four-game "Deflategate" suspension.

Garoppolo's injury came on third down with less than five minutes left in the first half. He was chased out of the pocket and got off a completion to Malcolm Mitchell and driven into the ground on his shoulder by Miami linebacker Kiko Alonso.

Garoppolo initially got up, before going down to one knee and being attended to by the training staff. He ended his day 18 of 27 for 234 yards and the three scores.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick, never one to reveal much information, said of Garoppolo's injury: "I don't know yet. So we'll take it day by day."

Garoppolo was replaced by rookie Jacoby Brissett, who led New England to a touchdown on its first possession of the second half. Brissett was 6 of 9 for 92 yards.

"When it's time to go, you just have to make sure you're ready," said Brissett. "Whenever the opportunity comes, you've got to make sure you're ready for it."

LeGarrette Blount rushed 29 times for 123 yards and a touchdown. Martellus Bennett also had five catches 114 and a touchdown.

The Dolphins, who beat the Patriots in Miami in last season's finale, had no answers for New England's offence early and fell into a 24-0 hole as they were stymied by three turnovers. Ryan Tannehill finally found some traction and trimmed a 31-3 deficit to 31-24 with 6:06 to play.

Tannehill didn't complete a pass until the second quarter as the Patriots' defensive line pressured him into quick throws. The pressure culminated with Tannehill being intercepted by linebacker Jamie Collins late in the first half.

"We couldn't get anything going," Tannehill said. "We kept putting our defence back on the field after long drives. It's tough on the defence.... We need to get points on the board early and give our defence a break."

Tannehill completed 20 of his first 21 passes to begin the second half. He finished 32 of 45 with 389 yards through the air.

Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski (hamstring) was inactive for the second consecutive game. But New England made do without him. Garoppolo completed passes to seven receivers before his injury, including six completions to Julian Edelman.

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Dolphins linebacker Kiko Alonso hits Patriots quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass. STEW MILNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- Jets 37, Bills 31

SUNDAY
- Panthers 46, 49ers 27
- Titans 16, Lions 15
- Ravens 25, Browns 20
- Patriots 31, Dolphins 24
- Giants 16, Saints 13
- Cowboys 27, Redskins 23
- Steelers 24, Bengals 16
- Texans 19, Chiefs 12
- Rams 9, Seahawks 3
- Cardinals 40, Bucs 7
- Broncos 34, Colts 20
- Falcons 35, Raiders 28
- Chargers 38, Jaguars 24
- Packers at Vikings*

MONDAY
- Eagles at Bears

*Sunday's late game

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Canada places 13th in medals

Aurelie Rivard is young and talented and loaded with promise.

And the triple gold medallist in swimming is the perfect representation, said Chantal Petitclerc, of Canada's rebuilding team that reached its goal of a top-16 finish at the Rio Paralympics.

Rivard, a 20-year-old from Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, was chosen to carry Canada's flag into Maracana Stadium for Sunday's closing ceremonies of the Rio Paralympics, capping what will go down as a successful Games for both Canada and host Brazil.

Aurelie Rivard GETTY IMAGES

"She represents what we're trying to say here," said Petitclerc, Canada's chef de mission. "This team is rebuilding. This team has a lot of young potential like Aurelie, who made it happen here."

Canada finished 13th in the total medals table, with eight gold, 10 silver and 11 bronze. The 29 medals were two less than the team won four years ago in London, but Petitclerc said the numbers reflect the fact that countries are catching Canada — once a front-runner — in Paralympic sport.

"The 29 medals means that the Games are tough," Petitclerc said. "I think Paralympic athletes take great pride in knowing that they have to work so much harder than 20 years ago to get those Paralympic medals.

"I wished for 32 (medals), but I'm really happy to see that the level of competition is so tough." THE CANADIAN PRESS

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Sweden hangs on for win over Russia

Gabriel Landeskog and Victor Hedman scored second-period goals as Sweden edged Russia 2-1 on Sunday at the World Cup of Hockey.

Jacob Markstrom made 27 saves as the Swedes (1-0) opened Group B play with a victory.

Alex Ovechkin had the lone goal for the Russians (0-1) while Sergei Bobrovsky made 27 saves in the loss.

Ovechkin thought he had tied the game 2-2 with seven seconds remaining in the third, but officials waved it off, ruling the puck went off Ovechkin's glove and in.

Henrik Lundqvist, Sweden's No. 1 goaltender, was a late scratch due to an illness.

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IN BRIEF

That's our championship game.

John Tortorella calls Team USA's Tuesday showdown with Team Canada a must-win after a 3-0 loss to Team Europe on Saturday.

MLB

Angels knock Blue Jays down a peg

Mike Trout and Albert Pujols each scored twice, Alex Meyer gave up two hits in five innings for his first career win, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-0 on Sunday afternoon.

The Blue Jays fell out of a tie with Baltimore for the top AL wild-card spot and lead Seattle by one game for the second spot.

Marcus Stroman (9-9) went six innings, giving up two runs on seven hits for Toronto.

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239

China led all nations with 239 medals, followed by Britain with 147 and Ukraine with 117.

RECIPE Easy Tomato Tart

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Before the season passes, indulge in this tart that comes together easily leaving you more time for your evening reality TV binge.

Ready in 55 minutes
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 1 sheet of puff pastry
- 2 Tbsp olive oil, approximately
- 1/2 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese• 1 pint of cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh herbs (I used parsley and basil but thyme and rosemary would be nice too)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Remove just one sheets of puff pastry dough.
3. Tear off a an 18-inch long sheet of parchment paper. Lightly flour the paper and roll out the pastry with a rolling pin into an 8- by 12-inch rectangle. Prick all over with a fork. With a small, sharp knife, create a border all around the rectangle a 1/2 inch in; don't not cut all the way through!
4. Drizzle oil over pastry. Now scatter the cheese. Then place tomatoes on top. Sprinkle herbs on top and add a pinch of salt and pepper
5. Place in oven 20 to 25 minutes until the pastry is golden and cheese bubbling. Allow to cool slightly before cutting. Serve with a simple salad.

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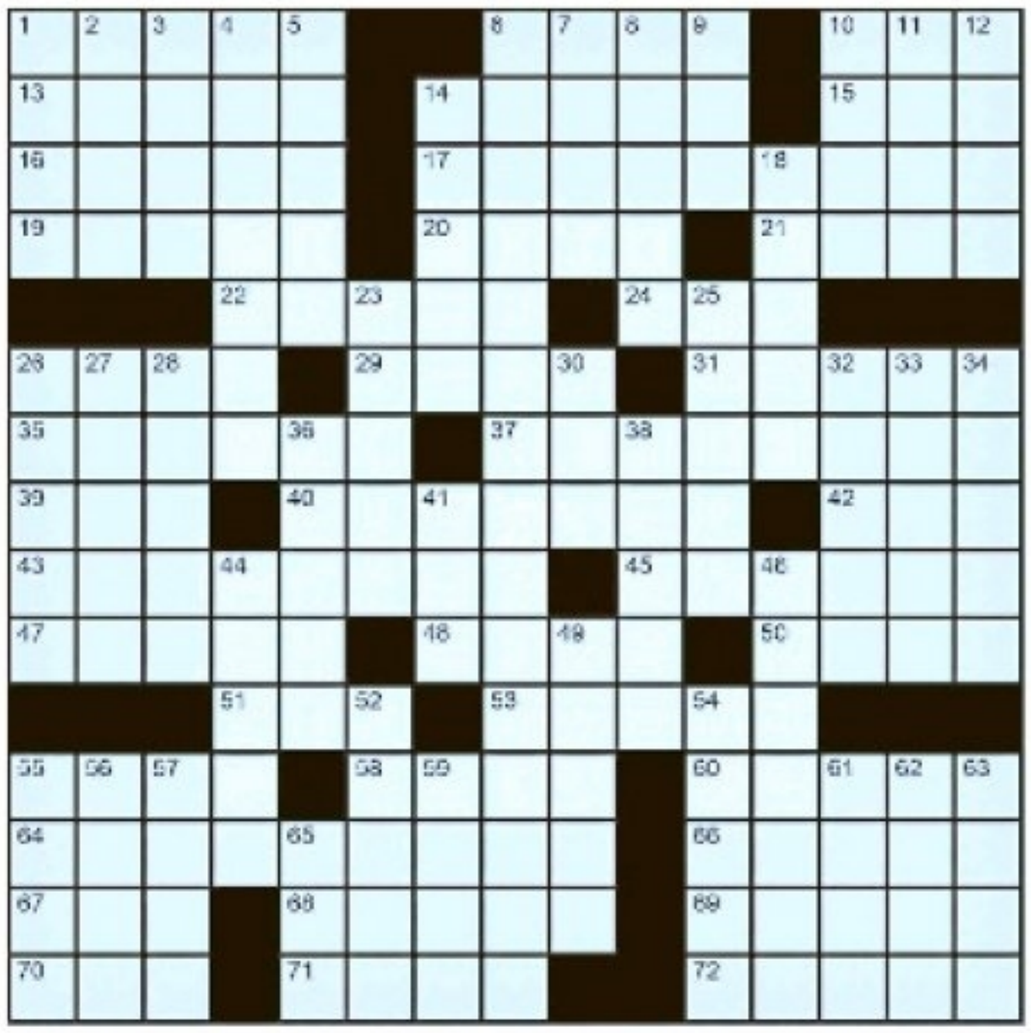

ACROSS
1. Mea _! (My bad!)
6. "_-Tough" (1977)
10. Abbr. amateur antonym
13. The Hunter constellation
14. Bridges
15. Sever
16. Haze over
17. Quarrel: 3 wds.
19. Get clean
20. Any thing
21. Deli loaves
22. Smudges
24. Model/actress Ms. Herzigova
26. Duchess of _ (Subject of Spanish painter Goya)
29. Snoot
31. Fibre for basketry
35. Arnold's employee on "Happy Days"
37. Elton John's "Rocket Man" bit: "She packed my bags last night, pre-flight / _ _, nine AM..."
39. German singer Ms. Lemper
40. Piano performance
42. Letters with Harper Valley
43. 'Sad' earring shape
45. Rock band instruments
47. Provide, as with some trait
48. Ms. Kurylenko of "Oblivion" (2013)
50. Payola$ singer Paul
51. Dresser drawer garb
53. Nervous
55. West Virginia export
58. Lieutenant Commander _, "Star Trek: The Next Generation" role
60. Choir voices
64. One showing up after everybody else
66. Dutch cheese
67. "Well, now!"
68. "He's _ _ Nowhere Man..." - The Beatles
69. Singin', Dancin' and what else?
70. Baby barker
71. Diner's detailer
72. Distinctive smell in the neighbourhood

DOWN
1. 'Georgia Peach' Ty
2. Carbamide
3. Steal
4. Grand _ (Loyal Order of Water Buffalo bigwig on "The Flintstones")
5. 2004 Gwen Stefani album: 'Love. _. Music. Baby.'
6. _ _ Wilderness Provincial Park (It's in northern British Columbia)
7. Roof's gutter locale
8. Boeotian Muse of memory
9. "It _ _." ("Who's there?" posh reply)
10. Gambit
11. Casanova
12. Chooses
14. Bake, as eggs
18. Stuff for Oscar's can
23. _ Canada (Historic province)
25. Gwyneth's "Shakespeare in Love" (1998) role
26. Razor-sharp
27. Approach nighttime
28. Food staple
30. Become
32. _-turvy
33. Played a minstrel's pear-shaped instrument
34. Clear
36. Command
38. Morocco's capital
41. Dove's murmur
44. Russia's currency
46. Character in Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice
49. Tree's twisted knot
52. Cherish
54. Big tales
55. Horse hoof sound
56. Hawaiian island
57. Situated up high
59. "I'll second that!"
61. Dancer's dress
62. Aesir ruler
63. Dropped
65. Ms. Diaz, to pals

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Relations with partners and close friends are warm and wonderful today. This is a great day to start a new partnership.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You get along well with co-workers today. In addition, you might get a raise or you might get praise — or you might see ways to make your workspace more attractive.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
New love is exciting! Accept invitations to party. This is a wonderful day for social occasions, playful activities with children, sports events and anything connected with the arts.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Explore real estate opportunities that might come your way today. This is also a great day to entertain at home.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can make money from your words today, which is good news for those of you who write, edit, teach, act, sell or market. In fact, your words are like gold! Meanwhile, relations with siblings and relatives are cosy.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If shopping today, you will love buying something beautiful for yourself or someone close to you. You might see ways to boost your income.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a great day to buy wardrobe goodies. (You are always aware of fashion and current colours, even if you don't dress this way.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A secret love affair might be going on for some of you. (In fact, this is a certainty.) Others might make a wonderful hidden discovery. It's a pleasant day!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A friend might become a lover today. In any event, your feelings of affection for your friends are strong today.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Someone might want your creative input on design, layout, furniture arrangement or such. Others will meet flirtatious opportunities.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Grab every chance to travel for pleasure today, because it might come your way. You will enjoy intelligent discussions of philosophy, religion and politics

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Gifts, goodies and favours from others will come to you. It's a good day to ask for a loan or mortgage, because you can benefit from with wealth and resources of others.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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FRIDAY'S ANSWERS

Your daily crossword and Sudoku answers from the play page.

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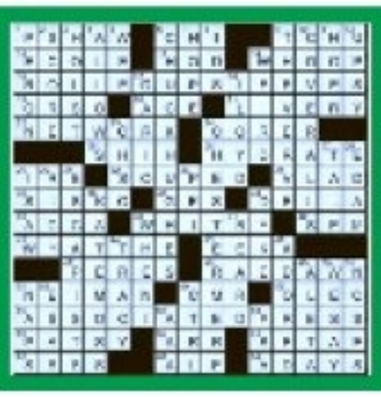

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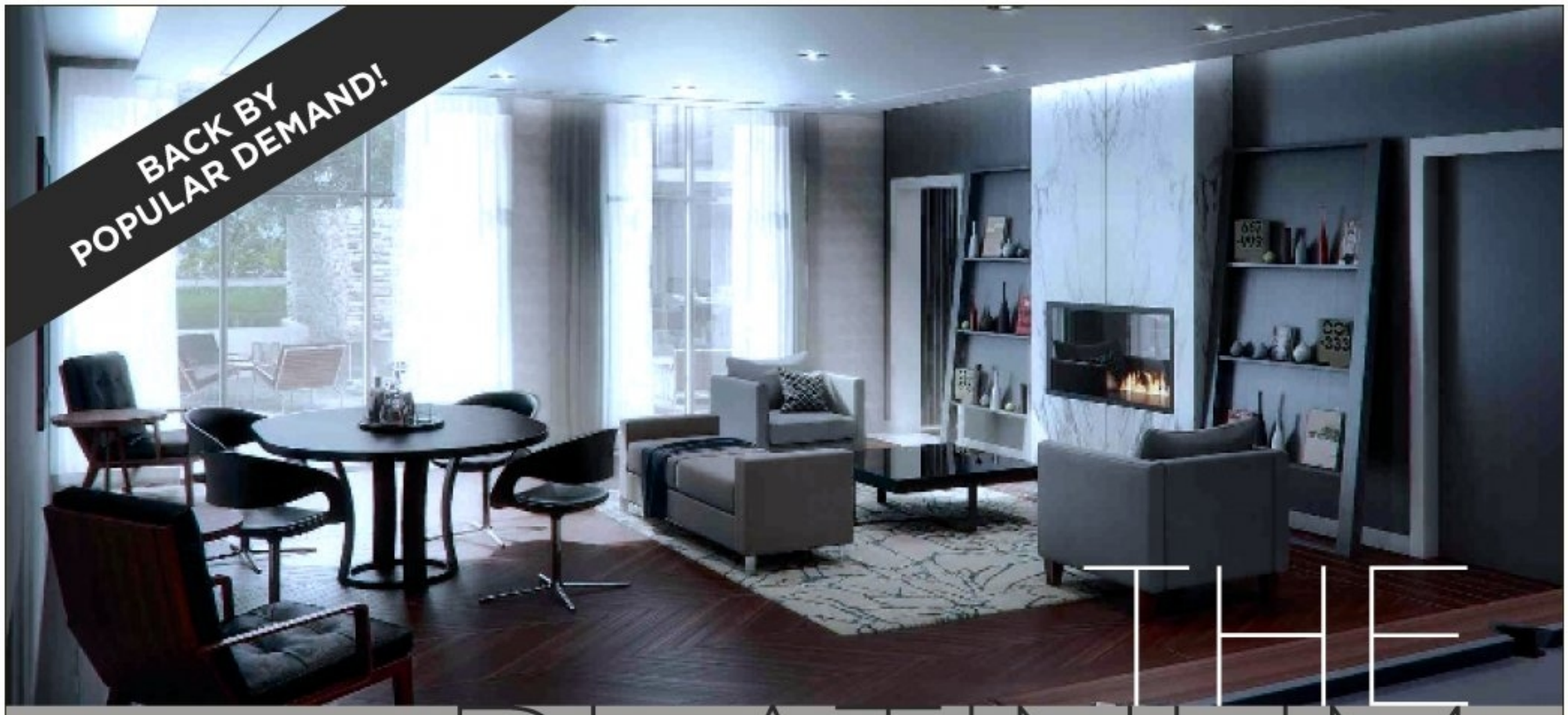

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